

Careers Room Opening Hours:
Pupils are invited to visit the Careers Room between
8.50am and 5pm

Year 13 Pupils

Year 13 pupils should see Mr G Patterson to register for any of the following events:

1. Medical Symposium at Methodist College Belfast - Thursday 27th April
2. Cambridge Summer School - Provisional dates are 26th - 28th June
3. Oxford Residential - 26th - 28th June

Monday 24th April - PERIOD 2

ALL PUPILS IN YEAR 13 WILL ATTEND THE FOLLOWING TALK IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL :

Queen's University Belfast

Pupils are encouraged to organise individual visits to universities they intend to apply to in Scotland, England and Wales.

For a comprehensive list of open days visit www.opendays.com and

www.heloa.ac.uk/Scotland

**University of Aberdeen – www.abdn.ac.uk/openday Saturday 26 August and Saturday 21 October
17 June (Medicine only)**

**Abertay University – www.abertay.ac.uk
Saturday 21 October and Wednesday 8 November**

University of Dundee – www.dundee.ac.uk/opendays Monday 28 August & Saturday 23 September

University of Edinburgh – www.ed.ac.uk/opendays Friday 9 June, Saturday 23 September and Saturday 7 October

Edinburgh Napier University – www.napier.ac.uk/opendays 12 June (Sighthill), 14 June (Craiglockhart), 16 June (Merchiston), Saturday 14 October (all campuses)

University of Glasgow – glasgow.ac.uk/opendays Glasgow campus: 15 June, 30 August, 21 October Dumfries campus: 23 June, 7 September, 28 October

Glasgow Caledonian University – www.gcu.ac.uk/openday Friday 1 September and Saturday 7 October

Heriot-Watt University – www.hw.ac.uk/opendays 30 September & 27 October (Edinburgh Campus) 7 October & 17 November (Scottish Borders Campus)

Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh – www.qmu.ac.uk Thursday 31 August and Saturday 30 September

Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen – www.rgu.ac.uk Saturday 2 September and Wednesday 11 October

University of St Andrews – www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/ug/meet-us/visiting-days 8 March, 5 April, 12 April, 19 April, 4 October, 18 October, 25 October, 1 November, 15 November

Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) – www.sruc.ac.uk/opendays vary. Check online for details.

University of Stirling – <http://stir.ac.uk/5f> Saturday 17 June, Saturday 16 September and Saturday 28 October

University of Strathclyde – www.strath.ac.uk/openday Tuesday 5 September and Saturday 7 October

University of the West of Scotland – www.uws.ac.uk/opendays UWS offers Open Days across 4 campuses. Please check the website for more information.

**Years 11 - 13 Science at Queen's Parents' Evening - Thursday 4th May
Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Maths and Physics.
The event starts at 6.30pm and scheduled subject talks begin at 7.15pm.**

Northern Health and Social Care Trust - Ballymena Summer Scheme 2017

The Northern Health and Social Care Trust are running a Summer Scheme for children with disabilities in the Antrim/ Ballymena District areas.

They are currently seeking to recruit volunteers over the age of 16 years from local secondary schools and FE colleges.

Application forms, a brief overview of the Summer Scheme and a Job Description for Summer Scheme Volunteers can be collected from Dr Livingston in the Careers Room.

CLOSING DATE 21st APRIL 2017

SCHOLARSHIP - Queen's University Belfast

Queen's University Belfast are delighted to have been invited to join the Lloyds Scholars Programme. This is a fantastic opportunity for students who are successful in their undergraduate application to Queen's as it leads to a range of support including an annual bursary of £1000, paid internships and one-to-one advice from a Lloyds mentor. Applications will open in early May and there are fifteen Lloyds Scholar places available for Queen's students starting in 2017.

As Ballymena Academy is a Queen's Academy School we would be keen to support your Year 14 pupils who meet the criteria (which includes residential household income under £25k) and who have applied to Queen's.

Please contact Christine at Christine.Boyd@qub.ac.uk for more information and guidance on completing the form.

WIDENING PARTICIPATION RESIDENTIAL SUMMER SCHOOL AT UCL
FACULTY OF LAW

We are offering a free residential summer school to students from widening participation backgrounds from Monday 31st July - Friday 4th August (students will depart on the morning of the 5th). UCL will cover the costs of travel, meals, and five nights of accommodation at Ramsay Hall, a UCL Hall of Residence.

The objectives of the summer school are for students to:

Gain valuable exposure to life at UCL and in the Faculty of Law;

View University and the study of law as a viable option for their future;

Gain insight into the University application process;

Learn more about the legal profession and the paths to becoming a lawyer in the UK;

Develop a deeper understanding of human rights, citizenship and access to justice issues;

Develop important skills such as public speaking, communication, team-working and legal research.

Our summer school is designed for students who may be interested in studying law at university or who are particularly interested in learning more about their legal rights and access to justice issues. One of the aims of UCL's outreach work is to promote inclusion and achievement, and so we would especially invite applications from students who are the first generation of their family to consider applying to university or have been entitled to free school meals or in local authority care. The full list of criteria is available on the application form. Please note we will still consider students that do not meet the GCSE and A Level (or equivalent) requirements if they meet many or all of the widening participation criteria.

Students can apply online by completing the online application form found on the UCL CAJ Website:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/laws/accesstojustice/whatwedo/outreach>

There are a limited number of places on this course, and as such, this year we are only able to offer this course to students who are currently completing year 12 (/year 13 in Northern Ireland) and/or applying to university in Autumn 2017.

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Please note the deadline for applications is the 5th May 2017, at 11.59pm.

RANDOX - Higher Level Apprenticeships

Randox currently have TWO Higher Level Apprenticeships (HLA's) available for A-Level students who maybe don't want to go down the traditional University route and want to 'Earn as they Learn' with on the job training and one day at their partnered colleges.

At Randox, we offer the following TWO HLA's:

COURSE : Software Engineering
COLLEGE : Belfast Met
STARTING DATE: September 2017

COURSE: Applied Science
COLLEGE: Southern Regional College
STARTING DATE: September 2017

Both HLA course offered at Randox are accredited by Ulster University and allow progression into Year 2 of courses. To apply to the HLA's, students need to submit their interest by emailing recruitment@randox.com.

This is an exciting and fantastic opportunity for students to join and gain experience as well as allowing students to have input into a range of diverse projects with a world leading company based here in Northern Ireland.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jordan McCullough | Human Resources

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Medicine and Dentistry Applicants

The UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) is designed to identify those applicants with the strongest aptitude for a career in medicine or dentistry. Ballymena Academy organise a Kaplan UKCAT Preparation course. Pupils will be taught by Kaplan-trained teachers over 2 days, using Kaplan's proven strategies and techniques. It will review certain relevant material taught in

school/college, within the context of the exam. Follow-up academic support will be provided right up until test day.

A maximum of 25 pupils can be accommodated on this course. This number is stated by the organisers KAPLAN. The cost per pupil will depend on the total number taking part in the course. The more pupils that participate the cheaper it will work out per pupil. Various schools are invited to participate and places are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Anyone interested should speak to Mr Patterson. At this stage, I am just trying to get a rough idea of potential numbers to decide if the course is viable and how much it might work out per pupil.

Mini Medical School

Dates: Thursday 20th – Friday 21st July 2017, Thursday 17th – Friday 18th August 2017

Time: 9.00am – 5.00pm

Cost: £120.00 inc VAT, Materials and Lunch

Location: Training Academy, 10 Falcon Way, Boucher Road, Belfast, BT12 6SQ

The Mini Medical School runs over 2 full days and includes interactive lectures as well as practical training. This unique opportunity is open to anyone over the age of 15, all delegates who “graduate” from the Mini Medical School will receive a certificate of attendance. The programme is delivered by clinical tutors, consultant physicians and senior lecturers.

Our two-day programme includes:

- **Basic Anatomy**
- **Consent and Confidentiality**
- **Tomorrow's Doctors**
- **Entry into Medical School**
- **Clinical Skills**
- **CPR/AED**
- **Laparoscopic Skills Stations**
- **Patient Safety**

Application and Interview Skills Package for Medical and Dental Students

3five2 Training Academy are Northern Ireland's leading experts in the application and interview process for medical, dental and veterinary schools.

Our courses have achieved a 90%+ success rate in student acceptances to Medical, Dental and Veterinary Schools. We offer a discounted rate for students who would like to avail of our "Application and Interview Skills Package for Medical and Dental students ". The package includes 3 courses for £270.00, which is an overall saving of £54.00 compared to booking the courses individually.

This package includes:

- 1. Effective Personal Statement Writing Workshop**
- 2. UKCAT Preparation Course**
- 3. Interview Skills Course for Students Applying to Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary**

Bookings and more information can be found online <http://www.3fivetwotraining.com/> or by phone on 02890 735 273.

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Interview Skills for Students Applying to Medicine, Veterinary or Dentistry

Dates: Saturday 23rd September 2017, Saturday 21st October 2017, Saturday 11th November 2017, Saturday 25th November 2017

Cost: £195.00 inc VAT

This highly interactive course is an essential part of your preparation in the application and interview process for Medical , Dental & Veterinary School. It is hosted by experienced NHS Consultant Physicians, Dental Surgeons and Senior Lecturers who have been involved in this process for a number of years. This offers you the opportunity to gain insight from people who have the expertise and experience to help you succeed at interview.

UKCAT Preparation Course

Dates: Saturday 15th July 2017, Saturday 29th 2017, Sunday 6th August 2017, Saturday 12th August 2017, Saturday 2nd September 2017, Saturday 9th September 2017

Cost: £84.00 inc VAT

Our interactive course is delivered by educational tutors who will equip students with test strategies and practice questions. Students will cover

practice questions from all of 5 sections of the exam and will have the opportunity to learn how the correct answer is derived.

Personal Statement Workshop

Dates: Friday 25th August 2017, Thursday 7th September 2017, Saturday 16th September 2017

Cost: £45.00 inc VAT

This workshop helps students acquire the skills, knowledge and confidence required to write a strong and relevant personal statement for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science. This practical session focuses on identifying strengths and achievements, using an appropriate structure.

UKCAT and Personal Statement Workshop

Dates: Sunday 23rd July 2017, Saturday 19th August 2017

Cost: £120.00 inc VAT

Our interactive course is delivered by educational tutors who will equip students with test strategies and practice questions. Students will cover practice questions from all of 5 sections of the exam and will have the opportunity to learn how the correct answer is derived. This workshop helps students acquire the skills, knowledge and confidence required to write a strong and relevant personal statement for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science. This practical session focuses on identifying strengths and achievements, using an appropriate structure.

Bookings can be made online <http://3fivetwotraining.com/> or by phone on 02890 735 273.

Year 9 to Year 13 - WIDENING PARTICIPATION IN MEDICINE

The British Medical Association (BMA) is holding a widening participation in medicine event on 10 October 2017 in Riddel Hall, Belfast.

The BMA is committed to ensuring that medicine is a career that is studied by anyone who wishes to become a doctor, regardless of their social or economic background. Our report 'The Right Mix' (available on this web-link - <http://www.bma.org.uk/features/therightmix/>) sets out the importance of widening participation in medicine and identifies barriers that can result in young people not studying medicine.

10 of our pupils who may be interested in studying medicine are invited to Riddel Hall, Queen's University Belfast on Tuesday 10 October 2017, from 11am -1pm. The event is open to pupils from year 9 to year 13.

This will be a unique opportunity to speak face-to-face with doctors and medical students. Sessions will be as interactive and helpful as possible. In addition, students will be given the opportunity to experience some simple clinical techniques. There is no charge for this event, and lunch will also be provided.

INTERESTED PUPILS SHOULD SPEAK WITH DR LIVINGSTON IN THE CAREERS ROOM

Year 13 - Cambridge - Natural Sciences

Clare College is holding a Biological Sciences Taster Day for Year 13 students taking Science A Levels. This will be an ideal opportunity for students to experience taster lectures and talk to current students and academic staff about what to expect from the biological pathway of the Natural Sciences course at the University of Cambridge.

The event is taking place at Clare College on Friday 28th April from 10.30am-3pm.

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Edge Hill Summer Residential - Year 13 pupils

This is an opportunity for Year 13 students to undertake university level academic work, meet with current students, stay in the on-campus halls of residence and prepare for a future in Higher Education on a fully funded Summer Residence.

For further information including details on what to expect from the academic sessions for each subject area and how to apply, visit:

ehu.ac.uk/yr12res or email residentials@edgehill.ac.uk

July 31st - August 3rd:

Advertising & Design, Animation, Creative Writing, Creative Performance, Dance, English, Film & TV Production, History, Music, Musical Theatre, Public Relations, Social Sciences, Sport and Physical Activity

August 7th - 10th:

Biology, Business/Economics/Accountancy/ Marketing , Computer Science, Education and Teaching - Early Years and Primary, Education and Teaching - Secondary, Geography, Geology, Health and Social Care, Law, Criminology and Policing, Psychology.

NORTHERN Regional College

Ballymena Ballymoney Coleraine Larne Magherafelt Newtownabbey

Online applications are now open for all of our courses starting in September 2017.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact:

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VETSIM Intensive

A 2 day practical workshop for Year 13 students wanting to study veterinary medicine.

15th/16th July at the University of Nottingham

Book your place at www.workshop-conferences.com

MEDSIM Intensive

A 2 day practical workshop for Year 13 students wanting to study medicine.
15th/16th July at the University of Nottingham.

Book your place at www.medlink-uk.net

Queen's Pharmacy Event at Ballymena Academy

The annual Queen's pharmacy event will be taking place in school on the 16th May - again mainly for junior pupils but the pharmacy lecturer and students will be available to talk to senior pupils at 3.25pm.

See Mrs Kerr for more details.

Year 14 Careers Classes

All Year 14 pupils must stay in their timetabled Careers class for the duration of their Careers Education period.

This is to avoid disruption in the Sixth Form Centre.

Year 14: Belfast Met - Level 5 Courses

Applications for Level 5 courses at Belfast Met are now open.

Offers are made on a first come, first served basis.

All pupils are encouraged to submit an application as soon as possible.

University of London Taster Courses

The Taster Course Programme provides year 12 sixth form students with a taste of what life at a university in London is like. Through your chosen taster course

participants will experience the different teaching methods used and gain an insight into the additional facilities available, whilst meeting students from across the UK. This year we are offering the following courses:

- * Thursday 6th April 2017 – Veterinary Medicine Taster Course
- * Wednesday 31st May 2017 - Veterinary Nursing Taster Course

Applications are essential and can be completed at: www.london.ac.uk/tasters. NB: For students not interested in the RVC; There are over a hundred courses in multiple subject areas at numerous universities in and around London.

RVC Open House (Campus Tours)

Our Open House events are designed to allow prospective student, parents, teachers and careers advisors the chance to see one or both campuses on the same day. During the Open House, guests will have an introductory talk, giving an insight into the courses we offer at the RVC and how to apply. Guests will then tour the campus with student ambassadors. There will be opportunities to see the teaching and clinical facilities, to ask questions and gain a flavour of life at the RVC. This differs from our Annual Open day in that there will not be an opportunity to meet academic staff.

- * Friday 7th April 2017 (9:30am - 4:00pm)
- * Sunday 4th June 2017 (9:30am - 4:00pm)
- * Saturday 1st July 2017 (9:30am - 4:00pm)

Booking is essential and can be completed at: www.rvc.ac.uk/visitus

Open Day

This Open Day is intended for anyone interested in our undergraduate courses, including students of all ages, parents, careers advisors, and teachers. Guests will be able to find out about the courses we offer and take a tour of the campus with current students. Staff will be available to advise you on entry requirements, fees, bursaries, and accommodation.

- * Saturday 6th May 2017 - Open Day (10:00am - 3:30pm) – Hawkshead Campus
- * Booking is essential and will be possible from 10:00am on 6th March at: www.rvc.ac.uk/visitus

Pre-Vet Summer School

This 2 week residential summer school is for students (over 16 years) interested in working with likeminded aspiring Veterinary students in our state-of-the-art hospitals and research facilities, as well as learn from our world recognised academic staff through a variety of workshops and academic sessions. This event costs £2,350, which includes accommodation, breakfast, lunch and evening meals, as well as social activities.

* Sunday 30th July – Friday 11th August 2017 – Pre-Vet Summer School – Hawkshead Campus

* Applications are essential and will be possible until 10th May 2017 at:
www.rvc.ac.uk/prevetsummer

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to get in touch via email: chobson@rvc.ac.uk or telephone: +44(0)20 7468 1257 / +44(0)7809 199 993.

Year 14 : CAO Applications

Late Application Closing Date - 1st May 2017 at 5.15pm - € 50/ € 80 online/ paper fee

Change of mind Closing Date - 1st July 2017 at 5.15pm

Visit www.cao.ie

In the downloads section of the CAO website you will find a slideshow presentation on the CAO process.

In the 'Student Resources' section you will find a video presentation and other video guides for different elements of the process.

Apprenticeships

RateMyApprenticeship.co.uk has 10,000 reviews written by people who have taken alternative routes to university, including amazing apprenticeships, school leaver programmes and exciting ways to gain experience on gap years.

So for some career inspiration visit RateMyApprenticeship.co.uk

Queen's University Belfast - BA in Broadcast Production

The BA Broadcast Production is an intensely practical and pioneering programme, which will prepare students for contemporary content and programme making in TV, radio, journalism and other new and emerging digital media platforms. It will also develop their critical understanding of the broadcasting landscape.

Entry Requirements: A Level ABB

Thinking of applying to Oxford?

Visit ox.ac.uk/study for details of courses, colleges and how to apply, along with information on resources, support and funding available .

This site also has contact details for colleges, departments, museums and the Admissions Information Centre.

Events in Oxford

26-28 June: Northern Ireland Residential

New College and St. Catherine's College are delighted to inform you that we will be co-hosting a residential summer school again this year for Year 13 (lower sixth) students from Northern Ireland, and their teachers. The residential programme will begin in the evening of Monday 26 June and participants will be welcome to arrive from mid-afternoon that day. The formal programme of events will finish on the evening of Tuesday 27 June, but the University of Oxford Open Days will take place on Wednesday 28 June and Thursday 29 June. Participants in the N Ireland residential are encouraged to take part in one or both of the Open Days, and will therefore be welcome to leave at any point between the Wednesday and Friday mornings. New College and St. Catherine's hope it will be an ideal opportunity for prospective applicants to find out more about life at Oxford. We will be sending out invitations and booking forms very soon. As before, there will be a limited number of places available, so please do not book flights until you have applied and your places at the residential have been confirmed.

DCU McAleese Scholarships

Applicants for the McAleese Scholarship must have a permanent home address in Northern Ireland and successful applicants will gain one of forty reserved places across a number of DCU undergraduate programmes.

The applicants must meet DCU minimum entry requirements and specific programme entry requirements.

To find out more about studying at DCU or the DCU Academic Scholarships, visit <http://www4.dcu.ie/prospective/scholarships.shtml>.

Trinity College Dublin : Feasibility Study

For students from Northern Ireland taking A-levels, please consult the pages on the Feasibility Study for A-Level Admissions at:

www.tcd.ie/study/eu/undergraduate/apply/northern-ireland and www.tcd.ie/study/eu/undergraduate/apply/northern-ireland/al_feasibility)

University of Dundee

We offer Academic Excellence for students achieving AAB above or equivalent for 2017 entry and hopefully beyond. Please find full information below.

<https://www.dundee.ac.uk/study/scholarships/2017-sept/academic-excellence-ruk/>

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The Times / Sunday Times Good University Guide 2016 and 2017

University of Aberdeen

We have a merit scholarship available to £9250 fee paying students who get AAB (or equivalent) at A levels. However this is not available to students applying to Medicine unfortunately. Students can receive £1000 for 4 years of study.

Students do not need to apply for this scholarship, once they have started in September we have a look at who is eligible and then get in touch with them.

We have an online funding database which details other scholarships we have links with too.

<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/scholarshipsandfunding.php#rest-of-uk-ruk-undergraduate-scholarships-2017-entry-only>

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University of Glasgow

Our two main awards for students from Northern Ireland are the RUK Excellence Scholarship - subject to students attaining three As or equivalent in their exams. This is not based on household income.

We also have the Welcome Bursary which is awarded dependent on household income.

However, there are a range of more niche scholarships that student may be eligible to apply to:
<http://www.gla.ac.uk/scholarships/>

Please visit the website noted above for more information and if I can help further please let me know.

Lauren Elizabeth Watt

UK Student Recruitment Officer

Marketing, Recruitment & International Office

You will find information regarding scholarships and bursaries for students from Northern Ireland on the page: <http://www.gla.ac.uk/scholarships/englandwalesandnorthernireland/>

Strathclyde

Accommodation Bursary: £1000 deducted from the cost of university accommodation in 1st year

Strathclyde Excellence Scholarship: £1000 per year of study for AAB or equivalent students

Strathclyde Science Scholars: £500 per year of study (application required)

Deans Rest of UK Merit Scholarship: £500 per year of study for ABB students within Humanities and Social Sciences

Information on all of the above can be found on our scholarship database www.strath.ac.uk/studywithus/scholarships/

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Heriot Watt Academic Scholarship

This academic scholarship is not income assessed but seeks to reward and encourage high achieving students. For more information on the grade requirements please visit <https://www.hw.ac.uk/study/scholarships/heriot-watt-academic-scholarship.htm>

Electrical Apprenticeships

Visit www.collegesni.ac.uk for details of all the Further Education Colleges currently delivering the Skills to Succeed Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Installing Electrotechnical Systems and Equipment.

CAFRE Higher Education Prospectus

Visit www.cafre.ac.uk

NUI Galway - Summer Schools

NUI Galway is offering hands-on and interactive Summer Schools in Business, Computing/IT, Engineering, Law and Science.

Booking is now open.

Visit www.nuigalway.ie/summer-schools for more information.